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Subscribers who do not get their paper are requested to call 195. The News wants every person in Palatka to get a paper every day and we will use every effort to see that it is delivered.

## HELPING MR. TRUSTY.

As long as such influential newspapers as The St. Augustine Record and Orlando Reporter-Star permit their vision to become clouded and their organism infected by inspired propaganda in the capitalistic press just so long will there be a false impression as to the high motives of men and the circumstances which promoted them.

Recently the St. Augustine Record reproduced an editorial written by Iverson C. Wells, editor of the Chicago Black Diamond, the official organ of the coal barons. Mr. Wells declares Mr. McAdoo is a disappointment to his friends because Mr. McAdoo assailed the mine operators for refusing to make a compromise agreement with the striking miners.

The facts are, that, as Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. McAdoo had access to the Internal Revenue records, showing the profits of coal mine operators. In urging the operators to meet the workers half way Mr. McAdoo quoted some of the profits earned by the operators. This drew the capitalistic pack upon his back. They said he wanted to be president, that it was political buncombe, the yappings of a demagogue.

We hold no brief for Mr. McAdoo as a candidate for President. Mr. McAdoo has never signified, so far as we are informed, that he would accept the nomination if he could get it, but the very fact that the capitalistic class is assailing him indicates that they fear he might turn his immensely personal popularity to account for the general good.

What we do hold brief for is, that any man who may throw light on a situation which might force a just agreement of warring factions for the common good should be encouraged and upheld.

We imagine that Mr. McAdoo is not worried by what the Black Diamond has said about him. The records from which he made his statement are still in existence and can speak for themselves, holding the accusing finger at the men who in many instances, extracted a hundred per cent profit from the labors of the men who toiled in the mines.

## PROHIBITION AS IT HAS WORKED.

We have had a steel strike and a coal strike that have affected and still are affecting the entire country. And yet, thanks to Prohibition, there has been a notable absence of violence. The stimulants to which strikers in the past have resorted under the stress of mental depression and economic strain have not, in the present strikes, been available. In both the steel and coal strikes, violence has been reduced to an unprecedented minimum, if it has occurred at all.

Men have fought bitterly for what they consider their rights; but their bitterness has not been roused to the point of recklessness by alcohol.

In New York we have a longshoremen's strike which, had the saloons been open, would have meant riot, murder and destruction of property. The absence of liquor has happily averted the calamities which surely would have come upon us under the old regime of a "wide-open" town.

Thousands of printers—a grade of labor decidedly above the average—have just ended a desperate struggle that had lasted for eight harassing weeks—harassing to the employees and harassing to the employers. But the distress of the men, and especially of their families, has not been made more grievous by the diversion of the scanty strike allowances to the saloonkeeper's till.

Those who still rail at Prohibition because it had deprived that individual of the right to indulge in spirituous stimulants have themselves been the beneficiaries, directly, of the order of things which they denounce. Prohibition already has made New York and America safer to live in than they were when the corner saloon carried on its fell work, unrestrained and unhindered.

## WHY NOT PALATKA.

Orlando is making another effort to secure the location of the main offices of the Florida Citrus Exchange there. Orlando has tried this before, but one of the chief objections has been that Orlando does not enjoy water freight rates or as convenient rail transportation. So the exchange has remained at Tampa.

But there is a very potent force at work to move the Exchange from Tampa. The constantly increasing acreage in citrus fruit on the east coast of Florida is gradually turning the preponderance of production to that section. The east coast interests, naturally, would like to have the exchange located on a line of road touching their section.

Palatka has never made an effort to get the Exchange, the directors were seriously considering, on more than one occasion, moving the headquarters of the Exchange to Jacksonville. But the same reason which actuated the Southern Utilities to leave Jacksonville has

deterred the directors from going there with the Exchange—the high overhead cost.

Palatka would be an ideal location for Citrus Exchange headquarters. It would be worth bidding for, anyway.

## MAY HAVE ANOTHER DISTRICT.

It has been announced that Florida will have another Congressional district, following the 1920 census, if the custom is followed of increasing the number of members of the House of Representatives in proportion to the increase in population in the United States. But, it is pointed out, if Congress should not increase the size of the House then ten States are in position to lose Congressional districts.

As the representation in Congress stands today, each State is allowed one Congressman for each 211,430 population, that being the average size of the districts since the 1910 census. On this basis there are now 435 Congressmen of whom four are from Florida.

But now the census men come along and estimate that the continental United States has experienced a growth of over 15,000,000 since 1910, and Florida they estimate has increased in population for the same period something like 208,950.

However, if Congress should decide that the lower branch is already large enough and that to keep from increasing the number of representatives, the number of people represented by each Congressman should be increased instead, then under such re-apportionment each Congressional district will average about 245,081 instead of 211,430, as at present.—Pensacola Journal.

## NECK ENCASEMENTS.

Altho the neck of man seems by nature to be constructed for wearing collars, none of the official pictures of Adam show that he wore one. In fact, it was not until some time after his demise that his descendants first thought of utilizing the connecting link between the body and the head for ornamental purposes, and then all they could think of was a string of beads or teeth or claws of some other such form of adornment. The mills of the evolutionary gods had to grind for quite a spell before mankind developed to a stage where the male of the species wore such neck-collars. As for that final triumph of haberdashery, the detachable collar of commerce today, A. D. 1919 marks exactly one century since it came into being. That fact, in the view of Russel M. Crouse, a writer for the Kansas City Star, calls for some form of observance appropriate to the occasion, wherefore he comes to bat with a few observations on the rise of the collar, from which we cull the following:

Jumping from the head-necklace age into a more decorative era, one can find pictorial proof of the fact that collars existed in the days when knights were bold and brazen. They were iron affairs that went right with every mail-order suit of mail. Then the Elizabethan period has a more ruffly sort of neck-circlet.

Getting closer home, one can learn that in 1760 the New York haberdasheries were pushing a very fancy article of gold or silver vellum fringe which cost considerable and probably didn't have to be laundered.

The arrest and subsequent release of Consular Agent Jenkins is being kept before the public by alleged news stories from inspired sources. Whether there are any real news development in the situation or not the stories are sent out just the same. Mexico arrested Jenkins on charges. He was subsequently released on bail, pending trial. There is nothing unusual in this. We would have done the same thing to any Mexican official, high or low. Let's stop agreeing with the jingoists that the incident is one that should prompt us to bloody international warfare.

Palatka retail merchants report the best holiday trade they have ever enjoyed. If the business increases next week it will be difficult to wait on all the customers. In this hour of plenty we should remember the less fortunate, and the best way to invest in human kindness is to contribute through the Associated Charities.

A leak has been found in the Supreme Court clerk's office in which the decisions are prepared. The news that trickled therefrom was not very encouraging to those with some good old bourbon on hand in Kentucky.

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## WITH OTHER EDITORS.

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## TRAMMELL STARTS 'EM THINKING.

St. Augustine Record: Any mention of Georgia brings us to Florida, where we are wondering how Senator Trammell's vote that helped kill the treaty is "settling on the stomachs" of his constituents. What we thought were mistakes of his in the past he has turned into political capital. He is the best ground listener in the world. He decided in his twenties to make politics a life business, and he has studied it. His evident theory is that a majority of the people can do no wrong. So he listens. He had announced for congress against Sparkman, but he saw (six months before anybody else in the state) that, as a result of Pete Dignan's appointment and the Sturke resolutions, etc., somebody was going to beat Nat Bryan. Trammell saw no reason why he should not be that man. He changed his candidacy from congress to the senate, presto, and won. Woodrow Wilson and Nat Bryan stand for certain principles. If those principles go down, they fall with them; if their principles come back into public favor, statesmen like Wilson and N. P. Bryan will rise with them. They stand for something. If a young man ever went to Washington and made good, Nat did. But Trammell possesses political momentum. Once he is knocked off the track you will hear of him no more. If he ever misjudges public sentiment, he's a goner. So Trammell's vote makes us almost afraid that the senate did the right thing politically, for he is such a good listener. Two brothers well known in Florida met not long ago and this conversation is said to have occurred: "Do you remember a long time ago I wired you to come to Jacksonville and talk over with me the matter of beating Bill Ellis for attorney-general, and we decided on a young fellow down at Lakeland who had been mayor and later went to the legislature and was elected speaker of the house and then president of the senate; and we thought he could beat Ellis, and asked him to run, and he did run, and won out?" "Yes," replied the other brother, "I remember that." "Well," asked the first one, "Didn't we play h— when we got him started?"

## AMUSEMENTS.

### Grim Game Last Time To-day.

The great thrill picture with Houdini in the leading role, "The Grim Game," will be presented for the last time at the Arcade today.

Those who saw this thrilling screen play yesterday were agast at the many hairbreath escapes of the wizard of the handcuff and manacles.

The collision of two air-planes, which was not in the plans in the making of the picture, actually occurred, as reported by the newspapers at the time, and every feature of the fall of the two planes is shown. Don't miss it.

### William S. Hart Tomorrow.

Are you Hart hungry? Well go to The Arcade tomorrow and see the great and only William S. Hart in the greatest picture of his career, "Branding Broadway."

They put "Big Bill" in a dress suit at the studio where he was engaged on his new Artercraft picture. "Branding Broadway," and thereby rendered him as uncomfortable as a man can be under ordinary conditions.

"It made me downright unhappy," confided the Thomas H. Ince star to one of his associates, "to be rigged out in one of these boiled shirt outfits. The collar binds like a bridle bit on a mustang, and I feel as awkward as a cayuse in harness for the first time. Of course, if I demands that I wear the thing, I'm game, but give me a soft shirt, a pair of overalls and chaps and I'm

contented as a Comanche with a bottle of snake-bite."

"Bill" looks well enough in his rig, but he is manifestly uncomfortable. To make the slight concession to his Western temperament, he wore his Stetson sombrero when he wasn't working and the combination was decidedly incongruous. Mr. Hart has accomplished wonders with the picture, which has much of its action in little old New York.

### GOING TO FLANDERS FIELD.

Canadian Women Plan Pilgrimage to Where Poppies Blow.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Canadian women—wives, mothers, sisters—will make a pilgrimage in the spring to the graves of soldiers who lie in Flanders' fields, and arrangements are being made here to provide for their comfort during the break in the journey from Canada to France. The Canadian Red Cross Society has taken a two years' lease on a large house in Kensington which will be converted into a woman's hotel.

### NEW BRUNSWICK LEGION

#### BARS EXTREMIST PAPERS.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Extremist papers have been barred from sale here by activity of the American Legion, and a crusade against sale of German toys is to be undertaken.

Several papers barred from mails were on sale in a foreign section and the Legion men enlisted aid of patriotic organizations and visited each newsdealer. All have agreed to stop selling the objectionable papers.

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FOR SALE—Sweet oranges and grape fruit. Oranges \$1.00 per 100, 25 or more delivered. Grapefruit 25c doz. None sweeter on the River. Leave orders at Earnest Store, Ed. M. EARNEST. tf.

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Will Make Effort to Secure Tax Assessor For 1920.

An adjourned session of council will be held tonight for the purpose of selecting a tax assessor to succeed B. E. Jarrett, who was not again an applicant for the position. The position, it is recognized by council, is a difficult one, and requires nearly all of one man's time if properly filled. The salary at present is not sufficient to tempt any one to undertake the job, but it is hoped to reach some solution tonight.

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